

YEAS—Messrs. Guinn, Maverick, Paschal, Pirkey, Russell, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly and Throckmorton—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Truitt, Walker, Whaley and Wigfall—14.

Mr. Wigfall moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken.

On motion of Mr. Wigfall, a call of the Senate was ordered.

Absent—Messrs. Britton, Graham, Pedigo, and Taylor of Fannin.

On motion of Mr. Maverick, the bill for the relief of Ann M. Bradley was read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, a House bill for the relief of P. J. Jennings was taken up and read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the bill to incorporate the Free-stone School Association, was taken up, read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Paschal, Pirkey, Russell, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly, Throckmorton, Truitt, Walker, Whaley and Wigfall—25.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 13, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following Senate's bills :

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Leonard A. Ashmore and the heirs of John Ashmore.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Stayton.

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of Claims to issue certain headright certificates therein named.

A bill for the relief of John E. Schrimpf.

A bill to provide for the purchase of an additional supply of Texas Reports.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to make an alphabetical Index of the special and private relief laws.

A bill to incorporate the Texas, Life, Fire and Marine Insurance Company of the city of Galveston, with an amendment.

A bill for the relief of Alexander McGowan.

A bill to incorporate the San Antonio Water Company.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James Lastley, deceased.

A bill for the relief of Jacob Long."

A bill to prohibit the issuance or delivery of Land Certificates, and the survey or patenting of land to the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, until said company shall have complied with the requirements therein named."

A bill to incorporate the Western Texas Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Company of the city of San Antonio.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to relinquish to the inhabitants of Ysleta, in El Paso county, a certain tract of land adjoining the town tract, &c., approved January 21st, 1854, and also the following bills originating in the House.

A bill to re-organize the 15th Judicial District and regulate the times of holding Courts therein.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Y. G. DolloHITE.

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of Claims to approve certain headright and bounty land certificates.

A bill to permit the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company to re-locate their land certificates.

A bill to incorporate the Lavaca Insurance Company.

Mr. Lott, from the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill to amend the eighth section of an act to encourage the construction of Railroads in Texas by donations of land, passed January 30, 1854, and to repeal an act amendatory of the same, passed September 1st, 1856.

A bill to relinquish to the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, a certain bond therein named.

A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to make an alphabetical index of all the special and private relief laws, &c.

A bill for the relief of Anne M. Bradley, and

A bill supplemental to an act to incorporate the Opelousas and Texas Western Railroad Company, passed by the seventh Legislature.

Mr. Stockdale made the following report :

The committee on the Judiciary have considered the substitute of the House for a Senate's bill to provide for arranging, digesting, and publishing the laws of a general nature civil and criminal, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass, and that the committee insist upon the bill heretofore passed by the Senate upon the same subject, for which the House substituted the bill under consideration.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the rule was suspended, report taken up, read and adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Wigfall to reconsider the vote refusing to fix the *ad valorem* tax at fifteen cents on the hundred dollars ; carried.

Upon filling the blank with fifteen cents on the hundred dollars, the yeas and nays were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Guinn, Paschal, Pirkey, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly, Throckmorton and Wigfall—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Pedigo, Truitt and Whaley—14.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the blank was filled with "twelve and a half cents on the hundred dollars, as the amount of the *ad valorem* tax."

On motion of Mr. Burroughs the bill was amended by fixing the license tax upon theatres at one hundred instead of fifty dollars, and by fixing the license tax upon billiard tables at fifty, instead of forty dollars.

Mr. Wigfall moved to amend, by striking out twenty cents, on the hundred dollars and inserting twelve and a half cents in lieu thereof, as the *ad valorem* tax upon merchandize.

On motion of Mr. Grimes the bill was amended by inserting after "Justice of the Peace" "or other court of competent jurisdiction."

On motion of Mr. Burroughs the bill was amended by striking out all after 1850, in section 9, and inserting : "That this act shall not be so construed as to repeal any of the provisions of an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes ; passed February 11th, 1850.

Mr. Whaley moved to reconsider the vote raising the tax on theatres ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs the bill was amended, so as to make the caption read :

" An act to raise a revenue by taxation."

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Stockdale, by leave, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered a House bill for the relief of Jesse Walling, and a majority of the committee instruct me to recommend that the bill do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, a joint resolution for the appointment of a State Librarian, was taken from the table and read.

Mr. McCulloch offered the following amendment which was adopted.

" That it shall be the duty of the Librarian appointed under the provisions of this act, to take charge and take proper care of the Capitol, the books, furniture, &c., &c., belonging to the same, and manage it as the Governor may direct ; and the said Librarian shall be required to give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, to be approved by the Governor, for the faithful performance of his duties under the provisions of this act.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike out one thousand dollars and insert three hundred dollars as the salary of the Librarian—lost.

Mr. Herbert moved to strike out one thousand dollars and insert five hundred dollars for his salary.

Mr. McCulloch moved for a division of the question.

And the motion to strike out prevailed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Lott, Maverick, Pirkey, Throckmorton, Truitt and Whaley—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Hyde, McCulloch, Martin, Paschal,

Pedigo, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly and Wigfall—11.

Mr. Shepard moved to insert \$900 ; lost.

Mr. McCulloch moved to insert \$800 ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Britton the blank was filled with \$750 as the salary of the Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Grimes the bill was amended by striking out "be elected by the Legislature," and insert "appointed by the Governor," and by making the balance of the bill to correspond.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Herbert, Hyde, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Paschal, Pedigo, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly, Throckmorton and Wigfall—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Fall, Graham, Grimes, Guinn, Lott, Pirkey, Truitt and Whaley—10.

The rule was suspended, read a third time and passed.

A House bill making provision for the translating and printing of certain general laws in the Spanish, German, and Norwegian languages, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Paschal the bill was amended by striking out "Norwegian."

On motion of Mr. Tankersly the vote just taken was reconsidered.

And the amendment lost.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Maverick, Paschal, Pedigo, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly, Throckmorton and Whaley—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Pirkey, Truitt and Wigfall—8.

Mr. Burroughs made the following report :

The committee on Enrolled Bills find the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

A bill for the relief of Isaac D. Hamilton.

A bill to authorize the county courts of Gonzales and Bell counties to levy a special tax for the purpose of completing and building court houses.

A bill to amend an act to incorporate the Brownsville and Rio Grande Railroad Company.

A bill for the relief of the Sabine and Galveston Bay Railroad and Lumber Company.

A bill to authorize the sale of the Public Domain.

A bill to amend the charter of the Aransas Road Company.

A bill to legalize the surveys made in the disputed territory between the Milam and Bexar Land Districts.

A bill supplemental to an act supplemental to and amendatory of an act to ascertain legal claims for money and land against the State, passed August 1st, 1856, approved January 16th, 1858.

A bill for the relief of W. B. Mauldin.

A bill for the relief of Sherrod and Ezekeil Roland.

A bill to provide for the payment of three companies of minute men, commanded by Captains John W. Sansom, John D. Davenport and Reading W. Black.

A bill for the relief of John W. Hayden.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Gay, and

A bill making an appropriation for the support of the Penitentiary for the years 1858 and 1859.

A Joint Resolution in relation to the Indians residing in the counties of Polk and Tyler, was read a first time.

Rule suspended, and joint resolution read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, the following was added as an additional section, as section 2 :

“That should said Indians decline or refuse to be removed from their present homes, under the provisions of this act, then such Indian shall continue to act as the agent of said Co-shattée and Alabama Indians, and shall have full power and authority in his capacity as such agent, to institute and prosecute all suits in law or equity necessary to protect said Indians in the enjoyment of their rights, and such agent shall also have full power and authority to summon the power of the county to protect said Indians from assaults or violence, and said agent shall receive, as a compensation for his services the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, and bill read a third time.

Mr. Guinn moved the indefinite postponement of the joint resolution ; lost.

And the joint resolution passed.

A House bill to define the boundary lines between the coun-

ties of Hill, Navarro and Limestone ; read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill to permit the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company, to re-locate their land certificates ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, a Senate's bill for the relief of Lewis David, with an amendment from the House was taken up, read, and the amendment concurred in by the Senate.

A House bill for the relief of A. F. Allbright, Enoch Grigsby, L. W. Hancock, &c. &c., was read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims,

A House bill for the relief of Robert J. Calder, was read and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill for the relief of Elijah Moore, was read and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to reorganise the 15th Judicial District, and to fix the time of holding Courts therein, was read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of Claims to approve certain headright, bounty and donation land certificates ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had refused to recede from its substitute for a Senate's bill to provide for arranging, digesting and publishing the laws of a general nature, civil and criminal, and had appointed Messrs. Jennings, Henderson of Harris, Rainey, Munson and Wælder a committee of conference thereon, and requesting the appointment of a like committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Paschal, a like committee was ordered on the part of the Senate.

Messrs. Paschal, Pirkey, Stockdale, Guinn and Martin were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until seven o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, a bill making an appropriation for the payment of a portion of the second class debt of the late Republic of Texas, was taken up and read a first time.

Mr. Grimes moved a suspension of the rules in order that the bill might be placed upon its second reading; lost, by the following vote, four-fifths not voting in the affirmative:

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Caldwell, Graham, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, McCulloch, Maverick, Paschal, Pedigo, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Tankersly, Throckmorton, Truitt and Wigfall—17.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Fall, Guinn, Lott, Martin, Pirkey, Russell, Walker and Whaley—9.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the bill was read by caption, and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Martin made the following report:

The committee on Private Land Claims have considered the petition of the heirs of James M. Robinson, deceased, and find that Robinson came to Texas in Captain Tickner's Company, under Col. Fannin in 1835. That he was regularly mustered into the service and performed the part of a good soldier until February 14th, 1836, when he was killed at Fort Defiance at Goliad, by the discharge of a gun in the hands of a boy, while the said Robinson was in the performance of his duty as a soldier. I am therefore instructed to recommend the passage of—

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to the heirs of James M. Robinson one-third of a league, headright certificate, and a bounty warrant for 1280 acres, and a donation warrant for 640.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James M. Robinson; read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell the rule was suspended, and bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the bill was amended by adding:

"Provided, the bounty and donation certificates shall not issue before the first day of September, 1858, and not then till the person applying shall produce satisfactory evidence that no certificates have issued; and the headright certificate shall not issue till the certificate from the Land Office showing that he has not obtained a headright heretofore is produced.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend the bill by striking out "1280 acres bounty, and inserting "320 acres bounty in lieu thereof."

On motion of Mr. Martin, laid on the table.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, originating in that body:

A bill for the relief of John Laramore and James Lewis.

A bill for the relief of Wm. Mudd.

A bill for the relief of Nancy Coleman.

A bill to establish the salaries of the Chief Clerks in the General Land Office, Comptroller's Office, State Department and Treasurer's office.

A bill for the relief of George S. Hyde.

A bill for the relief of Willis Avery, the heirs of Jesse Barker, the heirs of Jacob Canmer, and the heirs of Jacob Eberly.

A bill to change the boundaries of the town of Helena, in Karnes county.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Moses Higgins.

A bill for the relief of Wm. B. Green.

A bill to incorporate the Waco Union Female Institute.

A bill to incorporate the Bosque College and Seminary, and

A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Mays.

And the following bills originating in the Senate:

A bill to incorporate the McKinney Bridge and Ferry Company.

A bill for the relief of Joseph E. Field, and

A bill relinquishing to Catharine R. S. Jones, all the right and title that the State has to the escheated property of David Williams, deceased.

And the following Senate's bills with amendments:

A bill for the relief of H. M. Smith, of Rusk county.

And a bill to remove the disabilities of minority from John B. Stewart and John T. Price, and declare them of lawful age.

And that the House had refused to concur in the amend-

ments of the Senate to the Joint resolution in relation to the Indians in the counties of Polk and Tyler.

Also the following bills originating in that body .

A bill for the relief of George W. Goodwin.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Sydney O. Pennington, deceased.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the Court of Claims to approve headright certificate No. 42, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county on the 9th day of October, 1841, to the heirs of Robert Thompson.

Mr. Martin made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims have considered a bill for the relief of Alexander F. Allbright, Enoch Grigsby, L. W. Hancock, the heirs of Charles Gilchrist, and the heirs of Lewis Fuentes and find that Enoch Grigsby is, by the evidence entitled to the land granted him by the bill for the services mentioned therein.

Charles Gilchrist received a title after the closing of the Land Office, which was null and void, and the certificate granted by this bill is in lieu of said title.

A. F. Allbright asks a duplicate, which could not be granted in the ordinary course of law, as it seems there has been a forged certificate, granted in the same name, which was in error patented. The Commissioner of the General Land Office certifies that at an early day a survey on a fraudulent certificate was presented, which said certificate seemed to correspond with the report of the traveling Board, but was really to Alexander Allbright, instead of Alexander F. Allbright, and the Hon. R. C. Doom and James Armstrong testify that this party was entitled to the land.

L. W. Hancock for 320 acres seems to be sufficiently proven to be genuine, two parties swearing to having seen his name on the muster roll in the Adjutant General's Office, where the certificates issued before the burning of said office.

Lewis Fuentes emigrated in 1838, and from the testimony his heirs are entitled to land. The committee therefore instruct me to recommend the passage of the bill.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs, the rule was suspended, and bill read second time.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike out that part of the bill extending relief to "Enoch Grigsby" and that part extending relief to Alexander F. Allbright—lost.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Erath, a House bill for the relief of Willis Avery, the heirs of Jesse Barker, the heirs of Jacob Carmer, and the heirs of Jacob Eberley, was taken up and read a first time.

Rule suspended bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Paschal made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements have considered a bill supplemental to and amendatory of an act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved February 17, 1853, and approved December 19, 1857, and instruct me to recommend its passage with the following amendments :

Amend 1st section by striking out all after "company" in line 3, and before "and" in line 9, and add in lieu thereof, "at more than twenty-five per cent. under par," and also add after "word" in line 10, and any director or officer voting for or so issuing such stock shall be personally liable to the company for the difference between the rate at which the same issued and the par value."

Strike out all after "member" in line 4, section 2.

Strike out in section 5, line 1, after company, "heretofore chartered on."

In section 6, strike out all after "debt" in line 4, and insert in lieu thereof, "to the extent of the indebtedness of said company to the contractor."

Amend section 7, by striking out all after "company" in line 3.

Strike out section 8.

Insert after "company" in section 9, line 1, "by the Commissioners named in the charter," and also add after "contract" in same line "or otherwise" and add after "word" in 3d line, "and every Commissioner so selling or disposing of a charter shall be liable to a fine of five thousand dollars."

Strike out sections 11 and 12.

And add an additional section.

Mr. Tankersly moved a suspension of the rule in order to take up the report ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the report from the committee on the Judiciary, upon a bill for the relief of Jesse Walling, recommending its rejection, was taken up and read.

Mr. Throckmorton moved to lay the report on the table ; lost, and

The report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, a House bill to establish the salaries of the Chief Clerks of the General Land Office, Comptroller's Office, State Department and Treasurer's Office, was taken up and read a first time.

Rule suspended, and bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McCulloch the bill was amended by striking out all relating to Chief Clerk in the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Graham moved to reconsider the vote just taken ; lost.

Mr. Throckmorton moved to amend the bill by inserting the Chief Clerk of the Court of Claims and making his salary \$1,400 annually ; carried by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Burroughs, Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Lott, Martin, Pâschal, Pedigo, Shepard, Throckmorton, Truitt and Wigfall—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Graham, Hyde, McCulloch, Maverick, Pirkey, Stockdale, Tankersly, Walker and Whaley—9.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended bill read a third time and passed.

The bill making appropriation for the use and support of the State Government for the years 1858 and 1859, with various amendments from the House was read, and most of the amendments concurred in by the Senate.

The Senate refused to concur in the 3d amendment and the 8th amendment of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo the Senate refused to recede from its amendment to a House Joint Resolution relative to the Indians in Polk and Tyler counties, and a committee of conference was ordered on the part of the Senate, and a like committee was requested on the part of the House.

Messrs. Pedigo, Lott and Shepard were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the following Senate's bills :

A bill to remove the disabilities of minority from John B. Steward and John T. Pierce, and declare them severally of lawful age.

A bill for the relief of H. M. Smith of Rusk county.

A bill to incorporate the Texas, Life, Fire, and Marine Insurance Company of the city of Galveston, State of Texas.

Mr. McCulloch, by leave, introduced a bill to attach the

county of Blanco to the 17th Judicial District, and to define the times of holding Courts therein ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill to authorize the Commissioner of Claims to approve headright certificate No. 42, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, &c. ; read a first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill for the relief of Wm. Mudd ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to incorporate Waco Union Female Academy ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed unanimously.

A bill for the relief of George W. Goodwin ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Nancy Coleman ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of George S. Hyde ; read a first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Moses Higgins' heirs ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to change the boundaries of the corporate limits of Helena and Karnes county ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Paschal, by leave, introduced a bill to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas ; read first time.

Mr. McCulloch, by leave, introduced a joint resolution relative to the unpaid balance in the Treasury of the United States, of the amount appropriated for the payment of a portion of the Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas ; read a first time.

Mr. Throckmorton, by leave offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate index the journals of the Senate, as well as all the papers in his possession, as secretary of the Senate, placing the same in proper position so as to form a ready reference to the petitions bills and resolutions that have been presented to and acted upon by the Senate at its present session and that he be allowed five dollars per day for such services while actually employed, not to exceed sixty days, to be paid out of the contingent fund.

The following House bills, were on motion of Mr. Herbert, read a first and second times, and referred as stated.

A bill to regulate the printing of the Proclamations of the Governor, ordering the votes to be taken upon resolutions to amend the Constitution of the State ; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Y. G. Dollahite ; to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend the first, second, third and fifth sections of an act creating the office of weigher of cotton for certain ports in this State, passed September 1st, 1856 ; to the committee on State Affairs.

A Bill for the relief of the heirs of Sydney O. Pennington ; to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill for the relief of John Laramore and James Lewis ; to the same committee, and

A bill for the relief of Wm. B. Green ; to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to incorporate the Bosque College and Seminary ; read a first time.

A bill to incorporate the Lavaca Insurance Company ; read first time.

Rule suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Mays ; read a first time.

Rule suspended, bill read a second time and passed to a third reading.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the following communication :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
FEBRUARY 13, 1858. }

Gentlemen of the Senate,

and House of Representatives :

I return herewith, without approval, a bill for the relief of Thomas Stayton, to the Senate in which it originated. There is no evidence before me that there is any relief due to the applicant. The bill authorizes and requires the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a certificate for 640 acres of land, &c., to be located, surveyed and patented, as other Peter's colony certificates. It would seem from this that the donation is made because of the rights of the party as a colonist. After due examination I have been unable to learn that there exists any evidence in the Land Office, nor is there any other before me, to that effect.

Signed,

H. R. RUNNELS.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Fall, from the committee on Engrossed bills reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill donating eight leagues of land to the Texas Orphan Asylum.

A Joint Resolution for the appointment of a State Librarian, and

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James M. Robinson.

Mr. Burroughs reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

A bill to amend an act to regulate juries.

A bill for the relief of the widow and heirs of Daniel Martin, deceased.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of D. M. Symonds.

A bill to exempt Ferry Boats from forced sale.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Leonard A. Ashmore, and the heirs of John Ashmore.

A bill for the relief of John E. Schrimpf.

A bill to amend the act incorporating the Clarksville and Mount Pleasant Turnpike Company.

A bill to amend an act relinquishing to the inhabitants of

Ysleta, in El Paso county, a certain tract of land adjoining the said town.

A bill to provide for the purchase of an additional supply of Texas Reports.

A Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House to make an Alphabetical Index to the Special and Private Laws.

A bill for the relief of Lewis David and Hannah Alexander.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of James Lastly.

A bill for the relief of Jacob Long.

A bill for the relief of Alexander McGowan.

A bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the Court of Claims to approve certain headright bounty and donation certificates therein named.

A bill to prohibit the issuance or delivery of land scrip, or the survey and patenting of land to the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, until said Company shall have complied with the requirements herein named.

On motion of Mr. Graham the Senate adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, February 15, 1858.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed,

A bill originating in that body, to provide the manner of returning work by the Public Printer after the adjournment of the Legislature, and

A Senate bill making appropriations to supply the deficiencies in former appropriations, and for other purposes, with amendments.

And that the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference upon the bill to provide for arranging, digesting and publishing the laws of general nature, civil and criminal; and had passed—

A bill originating in that body, to provide for a digest of the laws of Texas, reported by this committee as a substitute.

And that the House had refused to recede from the amend-